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Organization of work

Note by the Secretariat

1. In order to assist the Sixth Committee in the organization of its work, the Secretariat finds it appropriate, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963 and 32/71 of 9 December 1977 and of rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to draw the attention of the Sixth Committee to the following information.

Items allocated to the Sixth Committee

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly allocated 17 items to the Sixth Committee. The list of those items, organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, is contained in a letter dated 18 September 2009 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee, which has been circulated as a document of the Committee (A/C.6/64/1).

Documentation relating to the items allocated to the Sixth Committee

3. The table below lists the documents of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly relating to the items allocated to the Sixth Committee. It includes references to the reports of commissions or committees and the reports that are to be submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolutions or decisions of the Assembly at preceding sessions, as well as to documents circulated under the agenda items allocated to the Sixth Committee,[1] in accordance with requests of Member States.

[1] The figure in brackets after the title of each item indicates its number on the agenda of the sixty-fourth session. The list of documents is based on information available as at 18 September 2009.

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	Projected date of issuance
Election of the officers of the Main Committees [5]	No advance documentation required
Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission [78]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/64/183)	Issued
Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General (A/64/183/Add.1)	Early October
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-second session [79]	
Report of the Commission, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/64/17)	Issued
United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [80]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/64/__)	Late October
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-first session [81]	
Report of the Commission, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10* (A/64/10)	End September
Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to special rapporteurs of the International Law Commission (A/64/283)	Issued
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [82]	
Report of the Special Committee, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 33* (A/64/33)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (A/64/125)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/64/225)	Issued
The rule of law at the national and international levels [83]	
Annual report of the Secretary-General on strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities (A/64/298)	Issued

	Projected date of issuance
The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction [84]	
Letter dated 29 June 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/63/237/Rev.1)	Issued
Measures to eliminate international terrorism [106]	
Report of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 37* (A/64/37)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on measures to eliminate international terrorism (A/64/161)	Issued
Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General (A/64/161/Add.1)	Early October
Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [118] (adoption of a provisional programme of work for the sixty-fifth session) (resolution 58/316)	No advance documentation required
Programme planning [133]	
General Assembly resolutions 58/269 and 62/224	
Administration of justice at the United Nations [142]	
Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 55* (A/64/55)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on approval of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (A/64/229)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services (A/64/314)	End September
Report of the Secretary-General on the practice of the Secretary-General in disciplinary matters and possible criminal behaviour, 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (A/64/269)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the work of the Joint Appeals Board during 2007 and 2008 and between January and June 2009 and statistics on the disposition of cases and work of the Panel of Counsel (A/64/292)	Issued
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [164]	
Report of the Committee, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 26* (A/64/26)	Early November

	Projected date of issuance
Observer status for the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission in the General Assembly [165]	
Letter dated 1 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/64/142)	Issued
Observer status for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in the General Assembly [166]	
Note verbale dated 14 July 2009 from the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/64/144)	Issued
Observer status for the International Olympic Committee in the General Assembly [167]	
Letter dated 14 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/64/145)	Issued
Observer status for the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region of Africa in the General Assembly [168]	
Note verbale dated 6 August 2009 from the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/64/193)	Issued

Date for concluding the work of the Committee, order and approximate dates of consideration of items

4. Rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that:

> Each Main Committee, taking into account the closing date for the session fixed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee, shall adopt its own priorities and meet as may be necessary to complete the consideration of the items referred to it. It shall at the beginning of the session adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item.

5. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/316 on further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, the Assembly, at its 67th plenary meeting, on 11 December 2008, adopted decision 63/529 containing the provisional programme of work for the Sixth Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the Assembly. The Bureau of the Sixth Committee reconsidered the provisional programme of work in the light of the allocation of new items to the Committee by the Assembly and prepared a slightly modified provisional programme (see below).

6. The General Assembly, at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, upon the recommendation of the General Committee (A/64/250, para. 11), fixed the target date of 12 November 2009 for the completion of the work of the Sixth

Committee, which has also been taken into consideration in the preparation of the following work programme:

	Approximate dates of consideration
Sixth Committee (organization of work)	5 October
Administration of justice at the United Nations [142]	5 and 23 October
Measures to eliminate international terrorism [106]	6, 7 and 23 October
Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission [78]	8 and 23 October
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-second session [79]	12 October
The rule of law at the national and international levels [83]	14 October
Observer status for the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission in the General Assembly [165]	14 October
Observer status for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in the General Assembly [166]	14 October
Observer status for the International Olympic Committee in the General Assembly [167]	14 October
Observer status for the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region of Africa in the General Assembly [168]	14 October
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the Role of the Organization [82]	19 and 20 October
The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction [84]	20 and 21 October
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-first session [81]	26 October-4 November
United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [80]	4 November
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [164]	12 November
Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [118] (adoption of a provisional programme of work for the sixty- fifth session (resolution 58/316))	12 November
Programme planning [133]	12 November
Election of the officers of the Main Committees [5]	12 November
In reserve	9, 13 and 15 October and 5 November

Establishment of working groups and holding of consultations

7. Regarding agenda item 142, entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations", the Ad Hoc Committee on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations, at its 5th meeting, on 24 April 2009, decided to recommend that, at the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, a working group of the Sixth Committee be established with a view to continuing the discussion on the outstanding legal aspects of the administration of justice at the United Nations, taking into account the deliberations in the Ad Hoc Committee and bearing in mind the decision of the Assembly to revert to the issue of the scope of the system of administration of justice at its sixty-fifth session, with a view to ensuring that effective remedies are available to all categories of United Nations personnel, with due consideration given to the types of recourse that are the most appropriate to that end. In that light and following consultations by the Bureau, three meetings, on 5, 6 and 9 October, have been reserved for a working group on the administration of justice at the United Nations.

8. Concerning agenda item 106, entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism", the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996, at its 43rd meeting, on 2 July 2009, decided to recommend that the Sixth Committee, at the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, establish a working group with a view to finalizing the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism and continue to discuss the item included in its agenda by General Assembly resolution 54/110 concerning the question of convening a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations. In the light of the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee contained in paragraph 12 of its report (A/64/37), and following consultations by the Bureau, three meetings, on 7, 12 and 15 October, have been reserved for that purpose.

9. Concerning agenda item 78, entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission", pursuant to its resolution 63/119, the General Assembly decided that the consideration of the report of the Group of Legal Experts (A/60/980), in particular its legal aspects, taking into account the views of Member States and the information contained in the note by the Secretariat (A/62/329), should be continued during its sixty-fourth session in the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee. In that light and following consultations by the Bureau, two meetings, on 13 and 15 October, have been reserved for that purpose.

10. In view of the limited conference services available to the Sixth Committee (see para. 13 below), any meetings for the working groups or for informal consultations will have to be accommodated within the overall meetings allocated to the Committee.

Deadline for the submission of draft resolutions with financial implications

11. According to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, "no resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General". It is therefore imperative that the Sixth Committee allow sufficient time for the preparation of estimates of expenditure by the Secretariat and for their consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee. As 12 November

has been fixed as the concluding date for the work of the Sixth Committee (see para. 6 above), 30 October would have to be considered the mandatory deadline for submission to the Fifth Committee of draft resolutions with financial implications, except for draft resolutions concerning items to be considered after that date.

Conference resources available

12. The available conference facilities will, in principle, enable the Committee to hold no more than 10 plenary meetings per week. Morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

13. In order to avoid difficulties in the organization of services for the meetings of regional groups of the Committee, it is suggested that all requests for such meetings be channelled to the Meetings Management Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management through the Secretary of the Committee.